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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Spokane County & City of Spokane Valley Bigelow Gulch and Sullivan Corridor project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Spokane County and the project is located at 1116 W Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA 99260.

The funding is designated for reconstructing the narrow two-lane corridor to a four-lane arterial, installs Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) fiber, cameras, variable signs, and reconstructs the Sullivan / SR 290 interchange. The corridor will safely and efficiently provide an alternate route to Interstate 90, linking over 1,100 acres of the region's largest industrial centers: Spokane's Northeast Public Development Authority, the Spokane Valley Business & Industrial Park, and Spokane Valley's Northeast Industrial Area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to be beneficial as it provides a critical connection for regional goods and freight movements across 8 miles of rural Spokane County roads and 3 miles of urban Spokane Valley streets. The corridor has a deadly crash history due to congestion, absence of passing lanes, poor sight lines, steep grades, sharp curves, and a poorly operating interchange at State Route 290.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress